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BORDER PATROL AGENT SENTENCED ON FALSE DOCUMENT CONVICTION

TUCSON – Bryant K. Brazley, 41, of Spring Valley, California, was sentenced on April 25 to three years of probation by U.S. District Judge Raner C. Collins. Brazley had pleaded guilty in October 2006 to one felony count of Submitting a False, Fraudulent, or Fictitious Writing or Document.

Brazley was employed by the United States Border Patrol as a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, assigned to the Chula Vista Border Patrol Station, in California. During his employment with the Border Patrol, Brazley was temporarily assigned to other Border Patrol Stations in California and Arizona. As part of these temporary assignments, Border Patrol agents are entitled to claim up to \$55 a day for reimbursement of actual housing expenses incurred while on temporary assignment. To obtain reimbursement for housing expenses while on temporary assignment, Border Patrol Agents were required to submit an INS travel voucher form listing the claimed housing expenses, as well as receipts reflecting these claimed housing expenses.

Between April 23 and May 21, 2000, Brazley was temporarily assigned to the Tucson Border Patrol Sector in Douglas, Arizona. On or about June 11, 2000, the defendant submitted a claim for lodging reimbursement to the United States Department of Justice on INS Form 1012. Submitted along with this claim for housing reimbursement were two receipts, both in the amount of \$810, which were signed by "M. Yang" and dated April 26, 2000 and May 10, 2000. These receipts supposedly represented Brazley's lodging expense in Douglas, Arizona from April 23, to May 21, 2000. The receipts, and the claim for housing reimbursement, were false and fraudulent in that the defendant did not incur this housing expense, and did not reside with "M. Yang" during the time period of April 23, 2000 to May 21, 2000.

In addition to the three year term of probation, Brazley was ordered to pay restitution of \$2,358 to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Service.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security and the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Justice. The prosecution was handled by Eric Markovich, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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